

GRADUATION DAY
NOTABLE OCCASION

 Twenty-Eight Young Men Are
Given Diplomas by Virginia
Military Institute.

ALL HONOR GENERAL SHIPP

 Cadets Give Retiring Superin-
tendent Handsome Leather
Chair.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch)

LEXINGTON, VA., June 20.—To-day was graduation day at the Virginia Military Institute, and twenty-eight young men were given their diplomas of graduation from the "West Point of the South." The exercises were held in Stonewall Jackson Hall. The valedictory address was delivered by Cadet Captain G. W. Nicholls of Spartanburg, S. C. The address before the graduating class was made by Hon. D. F. Flood, member of Congress from this district. Mr. Flood also in graceful terms presented the Jackson-Hope medals to the winners.

General Scott Shipp, superintendent, read the following letter from Governor Swanson, which was received with great applause:

 General Scott Shipp, Superintendent
Virginia Military Institute, Lex-
ington, Va.:

My Dear General—I wish to express to you and through you to the officers and cadets of the Virginia Military Institute, my appreciation of their splendid conduct while at the encampment at the Jamestown Exposition and the fine and soldierly bearing of the cadets. As Governor of this State, I felt a pride in their superb conduct. The cadets of the Virginia Military Institute added new laurels to their fame and additional affection for them by the people of Virginia. I feel great pride in having in this State a corps of such fine cadets.

Very truly yours,

 CLAUDE A. SWANSON,
Governor of Virginia.

An expression of appreciation to General Shipp, whose resignation as superintendent of the V. M. I. has been accepted by the board of visitors, the corps of cadets to-day presented him with a handsome and massive leather chair. The gift from the members of the faculty was a handsome silver wine service.

List of Graduates.

Following the exercises in the hall, the corps of cadets was marched to the parapet grounds where promotions and appointments in the battalions for next year were announced. With "Auld Lang Syne" by the band, the session of 1906-1907 was brought to a close.

The order announcing the list of graduates is given here:

 Headquarters, Virginia
Military Institute, Lexington, Va., June 20, 1907.

Upon the recommendation of the academic board the following named members of the first class have been selected by the board of visitors graduates of the Virginia Military Institute, for the orders of their names: George W. Nichols, Spartanburg, S. C.; Murray F. Edwards, Kirkwood, Mo.; George M. Peck, Hampton, Va.; John E. Townes, Petersburg, Va.; Robert C. Barrett, Smithfield, Va.; Robert C. Barratt, Smithfield, Va.; Leslie W. Swover, Staunton, Va.; Lee G. Sheridan, Lexington, Va.; William H. Roanex, Va.; Charles A. Lively, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Seymour Paul, Harrisonburg, Va.; Thomas E. Schell Jr., Norfolk, Va.; W. McD. Diggs, Lynchburg, Va.; Hickman Beckwith, Winchester, Va.; K. S. Moore, Charlotte, N. C.; Alfonso J. Stude, Houston, Tex.; Fred S. Markham, Beaumont, Tex.; Julian N. Major, Mitchell's, Va.; Holcombe C. Adams, Lynchburg, Va.; J. Devereux O'Reilly, New Orleans, La.; John H. St. John, Worcester, R. I.; Charles E. Kain, Dallas, Tex.; Daniel A. Fraser, San Antonio, Tex.; William H. Gill, Round Hill, Va.; Wistar W. Barksdale, Sutherland, Va.; T. Carson Tallafater, Charlotte, N. C.; Guy M. Harrison, Frankfort, Ky.; William L. Johnson, Crescent, W. Va.; Caleb S. Fudge, Chicago, Ill.

Distinguished graduates—G. W. Nichols, M. F. Edwards and G. M. Peck.

Graduates in electrical course—M. F. Edwards, H. A. Taylor, R. Barret, D. McD. Diggs, L. G. Sheridan, S. A. Charlton, W. H. Gill, H. C. Adams and D. A. Fraser.

No Stand—C. S. Fudge.

Bachelors of Science.

Upon recommendation of the academic board, the board of visitors have conferred the degree of bachelors of science upon the following members of the first class: (a) G. W. Nichols, in the chemical course; M. F. Edwards, in the electrical course; G. M. Peck, in the engineering course. (b) Also upon W. F. Dennis, first distinguished graduate in the field of agriculture; Captain C. R. Wilson, class of 1908, V. M. I. The first Jackson-Hope medal has been awarded Cadet G. W. Nichols, of South Carolina.

The second Jackson-Hope medal has

been awarded Cadet M. F. Edwards, of Missouri.

 By command Brigadier-General Shipp.
R. RAGLAND,
Adjutant V. M. I.
Cadet Promotions.
Headquarters, Virginia
Military Institute,
Lexington, Va., June 20, 1907.

General Orders, No. 32.

Upon the recommendation of the commandant of cadets, the following promotions and appointments are made in the battalion of cadets, and they must be obeyed and respected accordingly:

To be captains: J. M. Fray, R. W. Massie, J. Q. Pierce, G. B. Ward.

To be adjutant: A. K. Donnan.

To be first lieutenants: A. H. Gentry, H. H. Wiltshire, W. T. Pouague, L. D. Earle.

To be quartermaster: W. T. Bleeder.

To be second lieutenants: C. G. Byrd,

A. P. Lewis, E. H. Hancock, C. S. Carter.

To be sergeant-major: E. M. Buracker.

To be first sergeants: A. M. Owlesy,

J. Macgruder, F. K. Borden, G. H. Brett.

To be sergeants—G. M. Alexander,

J. Pollock, H. J. Porter, T. M. Scott,

H. A. Jacob, R. Gant, L. H. Cason, C.

Richardson, W. H. Gantman, C. W. Jenkins, D. R. McMillon, D. D. Mayo,

W. Polk, R. M. Grammer, C. Wheeler,

H. F. Wagner.

To be lance corporals—H. G. Pouage,

O. H. Baldinger, H. B. Saunders, H. B. Kinsolving, H. G. Dashell, W. C. Bryant,

M. J. Gilliam, Jr., J. C. T. Taliaferro,

H. H. Thomas, J. E. Gilbow, E. B. Kim,

H. C. Bass, D. M. Gardner, W. F. Bowe,

C. Payne, Jr., J. W. Tinley, Jr., C.

B. Coulbourne, J. A. Anderson, J. H.

Miller, Jr., H. B. Crell, J. P. Yancey,

E. Madison, C. Wenderoth, B. F.

Crowson, R. D. Miller, C. D. Hunt,

G. White, M. W. Paxton.

Leave of absence until Wednesday,

September 4, 1907, is granted Cadet

Captains Fray, Massie, Pierce and

Ward, Cadet Adjutant Donnan, Cadet

Lieutenant Pouague, Cadet Quartermaster Bleeder, Cadet Lieutenants Hancock and Carter, Cadet First Sergeants Owlesy, Macgruder, Borden and Buracker, Cadet Sergeants Alexander, Pollock, Porter, Scott, Jacob, Gant, L. H. Cason, Richardson, Jerman, Jenkins, D. R. McMillon, Mayo, Polk, Grammer, Wheeler and Wagner, and Cadet Lance Corporals H. C. Pouage, Baldinger, Saunders, Kinsolving, Gilliam, Gillman, Gilliam, Taliaferro, Thomas and Bowe.

The cadet officers and non-commissioned officers are ordered to report for duty on Wednesday, September 4, 1907, to assist in organizing and drilling new cadets.

The first class is hereby relieved

from duty.

Further, it is granted all cadets ex-

cept those mentioned in paragraph II,

of this order, until Thursday, Septem-

ber 11, 1907.

New cadets are required to report

for duty on September 4, 1907.

By command of Brigadier-General

Shipp.

 R. RAGLAND,
Adjutant V. M. I.

Mrs. Stonewall Jackson is visiting friends in Lexington. She is much interested in the Jackson Memorial Hospital, which was Stonewall Jackson's home while a resident of Lexington.

 Many Students Receive Honors and Certificates at Episco-
pal Institution.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 20.—The eighth-fourth annual commencement exercises of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Americas were held today in the presence of a distinguished assemblage of church dignitaries and laymen of the Episcopal Church. Right Rev. Robert A. Gibson, D. D., president of the board of trustees, conferred the certificates and diplomas.

Certificates of graduation were con-
ferred upon the following: Robert Evans Browning, B. A., Riverdale, Md.; William Wesley Daup, B. A., Michigan City, Ind.; Robert Albert Griesser, Ph. B., Albany, N. Y.; Wiley Gandy, Colonial Beach, Va.; William Gibson Pendleton, Wytheville, Va.; Thomas Lowry Sinclair, B. A., Seldon, Va.

The following having been dispensed
from Hebrew, received certificates, testi-
fying to their passing the written and
aural examination in the rest of the
departments of study of this institution:

James Gilmer Busie, Lewis Carter

Harrison, B. A.; David Henry Lewis, Myron Barrand Marshall, Lorenzo Deport Vaughn and Milton Boher

Washburn. The following received certificates in special departments of study in this institution: Ivan Marshall Green and Alexander Stuart Gibson, B. A.

Graduating essays were ready mem-

tored and read as follows:

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At noon the annual alumni meeting

was held in the chapel at the seminary and was presided over by Right Rev. George W. Peterkin, D. D., at which Rev. Dr. J. L. Goodwin, of Fairhaven, attended and addressed. He was followed by Rev. Carl E. Grammer, D. D., of St. Stephen's Church, Philadelphia, who delivered a sermon on the late Rev. Professor Cornelius Walker, who had for forty years connected with the seminary.

An alumnus dinner was served at 1:30

o'clock and at 3:30 o'clock the accept-

ance of the chancery window was held by Mrs. S. F. Houston of Philadelphia, who placed a tablet on the window

address made by Rev. A. B. Kinney,

Dr. D. St. Paul's Church, Baltimore.

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